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Run4Life

An Event to Support Veteran Suicide Awareness

Over 22 military Veterans die by suicide each day! Sadly, another 200,000 annually make the attempt. To call attention to this national tragedy and provide hope to these families, our event will gain national exposure to patriots both young and old across this great country. On September 10, 2022, Foundation Vice-President and U.S. Army Veteran, Command Sergeant Major Steve Curtis (retired), Board Member and U. S. Army Veteran, Richard Schmidt III, and supporters will participate in a 5K Run/Walk to bring awareness to this Veteran suicide epidemic.

The 5K (3.1 mile) event is sponsored by the Bob Feller Act of Valor Award Foundation to raise awareness and funding to honor our fallen military and support military families, Veterans, and active service members through educational scholarships in the name of Run4Life and selected sponsors.

Net proceeds will support the Bob Feller Act of Valor Award Foundation Scholarship Fund that last year, awarded over \$12,000 in tuition assistance to qualified applicants. It will also provide national exposure to suicide awareness through a special alliance with Mission Roll Call, a non-partisan advocacy group where we can now provide Veterans a unified voice that is heard by our nation's leaders.

Interested runners and walkers are asked to join us starting at 8:00 A.M. at the little league ballfield parking lot in Patten, Maine, for a scheduled event start time of 9:00 A.M.

Foundation Founder and President, Peter Fertig, believes ***“Americans can join in unity to create and spread awareness about Veteran suicide prevention.”***

The Foundation's ongoing mission is to recognize and honor our service members and those who support them, to provide support to military families and Veteran causes, and to educate on the lessons of citizenship, sacrifice, and service to one's country. As a part of this commitment, the foundation is proud to provide financial support for education in addition to building greater awareness for important Veteran causes.

Peter Fertig founded The Bob Feller Act of Valor Award with the support of the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, Major League Baseball, the Cleveland Guardians, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the gracious consent of Mrs. Anne Feller, the San Diego Padres, and the family of Jerry Coleman.

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